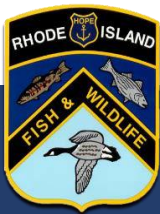


State of Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Division of Fish & Wildlife

2020-2021 South Shore Management Area Packet



Acknowledgements

Prepared by the Rhode Island
Department of Environmental Management

Division of Fish & Wildlife
277 Great Neck Road
West Kingston, RI 02892
Phone: (401) 789-0281
Fax: (401) 783-7490

Jennifer Kilburn, Principal Wildlife Biologist
August 2020



THIS PROJECT WAS SUPPORTED by Wildlife Restoration Grants administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program: *Partnering to fund conservation and connect people with nature.*

Federal Aid Project funded by your purchase of hunting equipment.

It is the policy of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management to offer its services and accommodations to all orderly persons, and as required, to all properly licensed persons, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, or handicap. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, facility, or if you desire further information, please write to the Office for Equal Opportunity, US Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20240.

Table of Contents

Acknowledgements	2
South Shore Management Area Hunting Regulations	4
Season Dates	4
Legal Shooting Hours	4
Permits	4
South Shore Management Area Reservations.....	5
How to Make a Reservation.....	5
Reservation Guidelines	5
South Shore Management Area Harvest Reporting.....	5
South Shore Management Area Additional Information	6
Shot Requirements	6
Decoys.....	6
Vehicles.....	6
Handicap Accessibility	6
Restrictions	7
Hunting Regulations	7
South Shore Management Area 2020-2021 Reservation Schedule	8
South Shore Management Area Map.....	10
South Shore Management Area 2019-2020 Hunting Highlights.....	11

South Shore Management Area Hunting Regulations

*Please note that the South Shore Management Area (SSMA) has specific regulations

Season Dates

Season Dates	Season	Bag Limit	Possession Limit	SSMA Reservation Required?
September 1 – September 30, 2020	Early	15	45	NO
November 21 – November 29, 2020	Regular	2	6	YES
December 5 – January 24, 2021	Regular	2	6	YES
January 30 – February 15, 2021 *	LATE	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

*SSMA is closed to hunting during the Late Canada Goose Season.

Legal Shooting Hours

Season Dates	Legal Shooting Hours
September 1-September 30 2020	1/2 hour before Sunrise until 1/2 hour after Sunset
November 21 – November 29 2020	1/2 hour before Sunrise until Sunset
December 5 – January 24 2021	1/2 hour before Sunrise until Sunset

Permits

A permit is required to hunt geese on the South Shore Management Area during the **regular** goose hunting season. Permits can be obtained through the RI DEM online licensing system.

1. Permits must be carried while hunting in the SSMA and be show to an Environmental Police Officer or Division of Fish and Wildlife employee upon request.
2. All party members must have a permit and be registered when reserving and hunting a field.
3. No party shall exceed four (4) hunters.

CLICK HERE TO
GET A PERMIT

Website: <https://www.ri.gov/DEM/huntfish>

South Shore Management Area Reservations

How to Make a Reservation

- ❖ **You must call (401)-789-0964 to make a reservation.** Reservations will not be accepted on any other phone line.
- ❖ Reservations are accepted between **9:00am and 12:00 noon Monday-Friday**, except when state offices are closed for holidays.
- ❖ Only one reservation will be accepted per phone call.
- ❖ Please have your RIHFID number and SSMA Permit number (located on your license) ready prior to calling in a reservation.

Reservation Guidelines

- ❖ Reservations may be made **no earlier than seven (7) business days in advance of the hunt** (see page 8).
- ❖ Permittees can hunt a **maximum of two (2) half days per week** (Saturday through Friday).
- ❖ No one is permitted to hunt **two (2) consecutive days**.
- ❖ A half day shall be from ½ hour before sunrise until 11:30am or noon until sunset.
- ❖ If the permittee that made the reservation can not be present at the reserved date and time the reservation **must be canceled**. Other permittees may call to reserve the field during normal business hours.
- ❖ The Division reserves the right to close some fields for periods of time to relieve the field(s) from hunting pressure and improve hunting opportunities.

South Shore Management Area Harvest Reporting

- ❖ Anyone with a SSMA permit is required to submit a harvest report, **whether you hunted or not and regardless of success**.
- ❖ Failure to report may result in **loss of hunting privileges** at the SSMA for the following season.
- ❖ A harvest report should be submitted ONCE at the end of the season. Reports must be submitted by **March 15th, 2021**.
- ❖ Report your hunting activity via the RI DEM online licensing system.

Website:

<https://www.ri.gov/DEM/huntfish>

CLICK HERE TO
REPORT HARVEST

- ❖ If you do not have internet access, you may mail in your report to:

Rhode Island DEM DFW
ATTN: Goose Permit Return
277 Great Neck Road
West Kingston, RI 02892

- ❖ **Do not submit harvest reports via email or phone!**

South Shore Management Area Additional Information

Shot Requirements

- ❖ No person shall take waterfowl while possessing shells loaded with any shot other than steel shot, or other legally approved non- toxic shot as described in 9.11 (L) of the 2018-19 hunting regulations.
- ❖ All shot larger than BB is prohibited, including duplex loads containing shot larger than BB.

Decoys

- ❖ A minimum of twenty-four (24) life size or oversize decoys are required on premises, however hunters may choose to use fewer decoys while hunting.

Vehicles

- ❖ Vehicles should park in designated areas only.
- ❖ Overnight parking is prohibited.
- ❖ Vehicles may not drive into or along the edge of any field for any reason. Except in an emergency, e.g., accident or injury or as provided in §9.16 (N) (8) (b) of the 2018-19 Hunting Regulations.

Handicap Accessibility

- ❖ Upon request, Field #5 will have an accessible above-ground blind. The blind will be established by the Division in either a hedgerow or within standing crop rows (i.e., standing corn).
- ❖ Vehicles may be driven into the field to transport a handicapped hunter and their equipment only when field conditions are conducive (i.e., not during and after heavy rain when the field conditions are very muddy).
- ❖ Goose hunters applying for the accessibility program must provide a statement signed by a medical doctor stating that the handicap meets the following definition: a person temporarily or permanently handicapped (i.e., unable to walk without the assistance of crutches or wheelchair or with a chronic medical condition).
- ❖ All regulations for hunting geese in the SSMA shall apply.

Restrictions

- ❖ The following are prohibited: littering; fires; destruction of fencing, equipment, farm property, or standing crops; possession or use of alcoholic beverages; shooting within 500 feet of an occupied building; shooting near or otherwise disturbing persons working in the area; urinating or defecating in pit blinds.
- ❖ Please DO NOT artificially manipulate (knock down, trample, destroy or scatter) any crops left standing; doing so is considered baiting, a violation of federal and state law and will result in the loss of SSMA hunting privileges. These violations result in lost hunting opportunity for all SSMA users. The use of stalks left behind post-harvest for camouflaging the blinds is acceptable; however, the scattering or exposing of left-over corn is not. **PLEASE REPORT VIOLATIONS!**

Hunting Regulations

- ❖ Dove hunting is allowed in Fields 1, 3, 5, and 6 during the early mourning dove season. Doves may be taken by permitted goose hunters while goose hunting when the field reservation system is in place during the open mourning dove season. Possession of lead shot for taking doves when goose hunting is prohibited.
- ❖ Small game and upland game bird hunting is allowed only in Fields 5 and 6 during the upland game season except during the Regular Canada goose Seasons.
- ❖ All small game and upland game bird hunting is prohibited during Regular goose Season, including during Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days (last full weekend in October, Saturday / Sunday).
- ❖ Deer hunting during the archery season is allowed only in the wooded portions of Fields 3, 5, and 6 throughout the archery season, including during the Regular Canada goose Season when the field reservation system is occurring.
- ❖ Deer hunting during the muzzleloader season is allowed only in the wooded portions of Field 5 and 6, except during the Regular Canada goose Season when the field reservation system is occurring.
- ❖ Deer hunting during shotgun season is allowed only in Field 6 and its wooded portions, except during the Regular Canada goose Season. Waterfowl hunting is allowed outside of the regular Canada goose season but within legal waterfowl seasons without special hunting permits, reservations, or decoy restrictions, once fields are harvested.
- ❖ Turkey hunting is allowed in the wooded portions of Fields 3, 5 and 6 during the spring and fall turkey seasons.
- ❖ Ducks During Legal Duck Seasons: The taking of ducks during the legal duck seasons is permitted while goose hunting under the aforementioned regulations.
- ❖ Violations of any aforementioned regulations, state management area regulations, and/or any state or federal hunting laws will result in loss of hunting privileges on the SSMA for a period of one year, beginning from the date of the violation.

Please Report Violations!
DEM Enforcement: (401) 222-3070

South Shore Management Area 2020-2021 Reservation Schedule

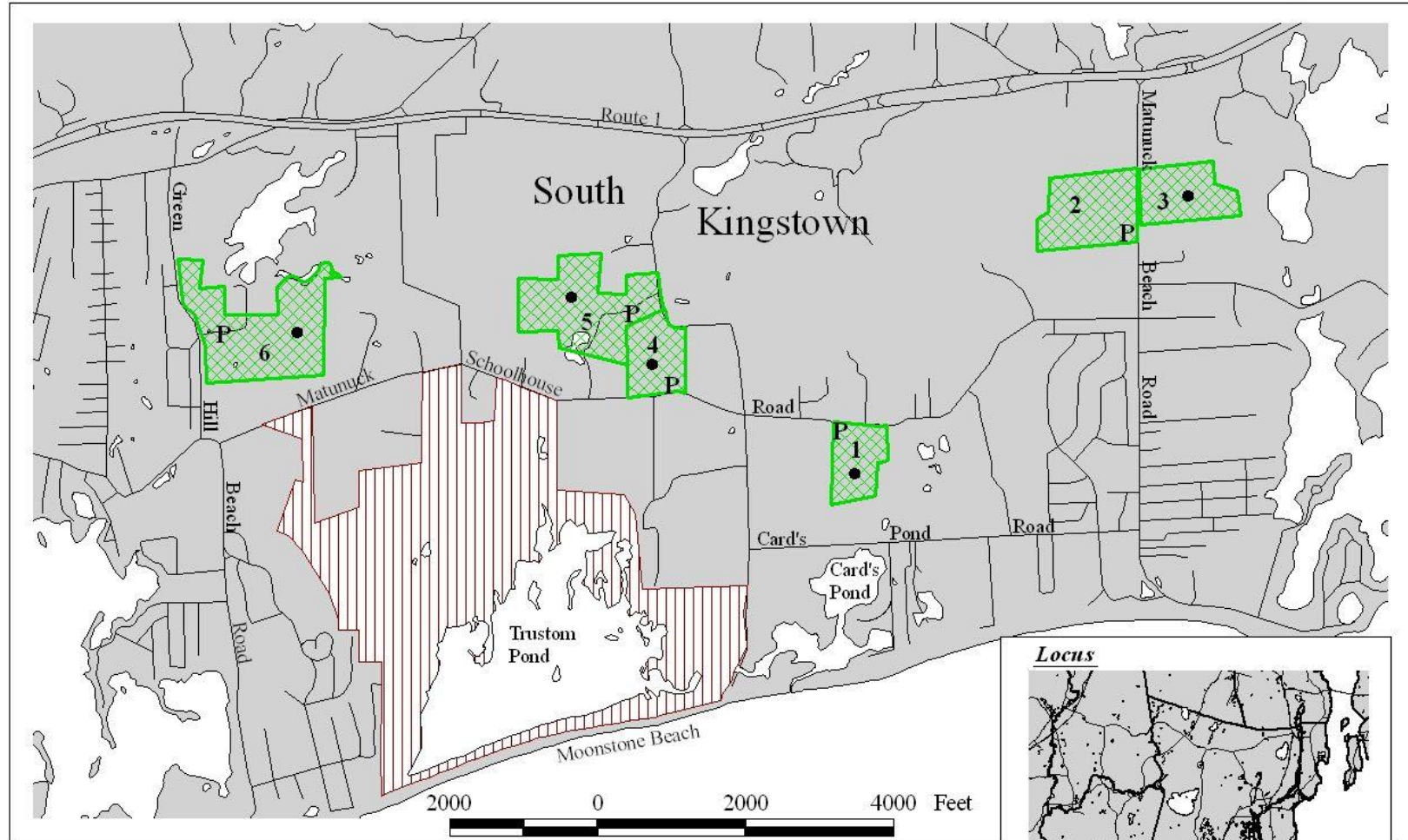
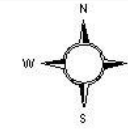
November				
Day of Hunt	Date of Hunt	Earliest Reservation Day	Earliest Reservation Date	
Saturday	21-Nov	Thursday	12-Nov	
Sunday	22-Nov	Thursday	12-Nov	
Monday	23-Nov	Thursday	12-Nov	
Tuesday	24-Nov	Friday	13-Nov	
Wednesday	25-Nov	Monday	16-Nov	
Thursday	26-Nov	Tuesday	17-Nov	Thanksgiving
Friday	27-Nov	Tuesday	17-Nov	
Saturday	28-Nov	Wednesday	18-Nov	
Sunday	29-Nov	Wednesday	18-Nov	
December				
Day of Hunt	Date of Hunt	Earliest Reservation Day	Earliest Reservation	
Saturday	5-Dec	Wednesday	25-Nov	
Sunday	6-Dec	Wednesday	25-Nov	
Monday	7-Dec	Wednesday	25-Nov	
Tuesday	8-Dec	Friday	27-Nov	
Wednesday	9-Dec	Monday	30-Nov	
Thursday	10-Dec	Tuesday	1-Dec	
Friday	11-Dec	Wednesday	2-Dec	
Saturday	12-Dec	Thursday	3-Dec	
Sunday	13-Dec	Thursday	3-Dec	
Monday	14-Dec	Thursday	3-Dec	
Tuesday	15-Dec	Friday	4-Dec	
Wednesday	16-Dec	Monday	7-Dec	
Thursday	17-Dec	Tuesday	8-Dec	
Friday	18-Dec	Wednesday	9-Dec	
Saturday	19-Dec	Thursday	10-Dec	
Sunday	20-Dec	Thursday	10-Dec	
Monday	21-Dec	Thursday	10-Dec	
Tuesday	22-Dec	Friday	11-Dec	
Wednesday	23-Dec	Monday	14-Dec	
Thursday	24-Dec	Tuesday	15-Dec	Christmas Day
Friday	25-Dec	Wednesday	16-Dec	
Saturday	26-Dec	Wednesday	16-Dec	
Sunday	27-Dec	Wednesday	16-Dec	

Monday	28-Dec	Wednesday	16-Dec
Tuesday	29-Dec	Thursday	17-Dec
Wednesday	30-Dec	Friday	18-Dec
Thursday	31-Dec	Monday	21-Dec

January

Day of Hunt	Date of Hunt	Earliest Reservation Day	Earliest Reservation Date	
Friday	1-Jan	Tuesday	22-Dec	New Year's Day
Saturday	2-Jan	Tuesday	22-Dec	
Sunday	3-Jan	Tuesday	22-Dec	
Monday	4-Jan	Tuesday	22-Dec	
Tuesday	5-Jan	Wednesday	23-Dec	
Wednesday	6-Jan	Thursday	24-Dec	
Thursday	7-Jan	Monday	28-Dec	
Friday	8-Jan	Tuesday	29-Dec	
Saturday	9-Jan	Wednesday	30-Dec	
Sunday	10-Jan	Wednesday	30-Dec	
Monday	11-Jan	Wednesday	30-Dec	
Tuesday	12-Jan	Thursday	31-Dec	
Wednesday	13-Jan	Monday	4-Jan	
Thursday	14-Jan	Tuesday	5-Jan	
Friday	15-Jan	Wednesday	6-Jan	
Saturday	16-Jan	Thursday	7-Jan	
Sunday	17-Jan	Thursday	7-Jan	
Monday	18-Jan	Thursday	7-Jan	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday	19-Jan	Thursday	7-Jan	
Wednesday	20-Jan	Friday	8-Jan	
Thursday	21-Jan	Monday	11-Jan	
Friday	22-Jan	Tuesday	12-Jan	
Saturday	23-Jan	Wednesday	13-Jan	
Sunday	24-Jan	Wednesday	13-Jan	

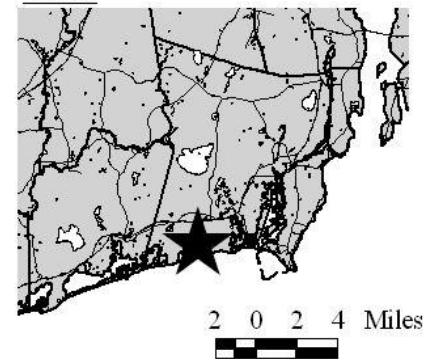
South Shore Management Area Hunting Locations



Legend

- South Shore Management Hunting Areas
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Trustom Pond)
- Roads
- Pit Blinds
- Parking Area

Locus



South Shore Management Area 2019-2020 Hunting Highlights

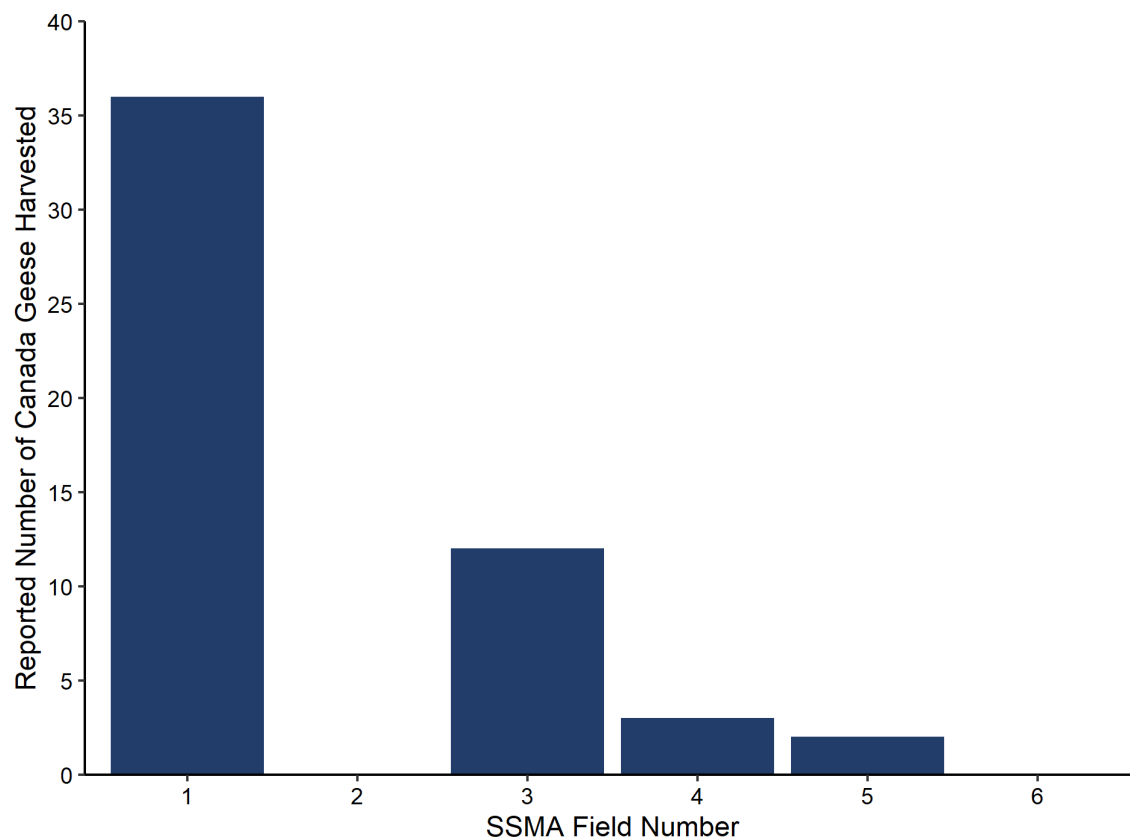


Figure 1. The reported number of Canada geese harvested at each of the South Shore Management Area (SSMA) fields during the 2019-2020 hunting season in Rhode Island.

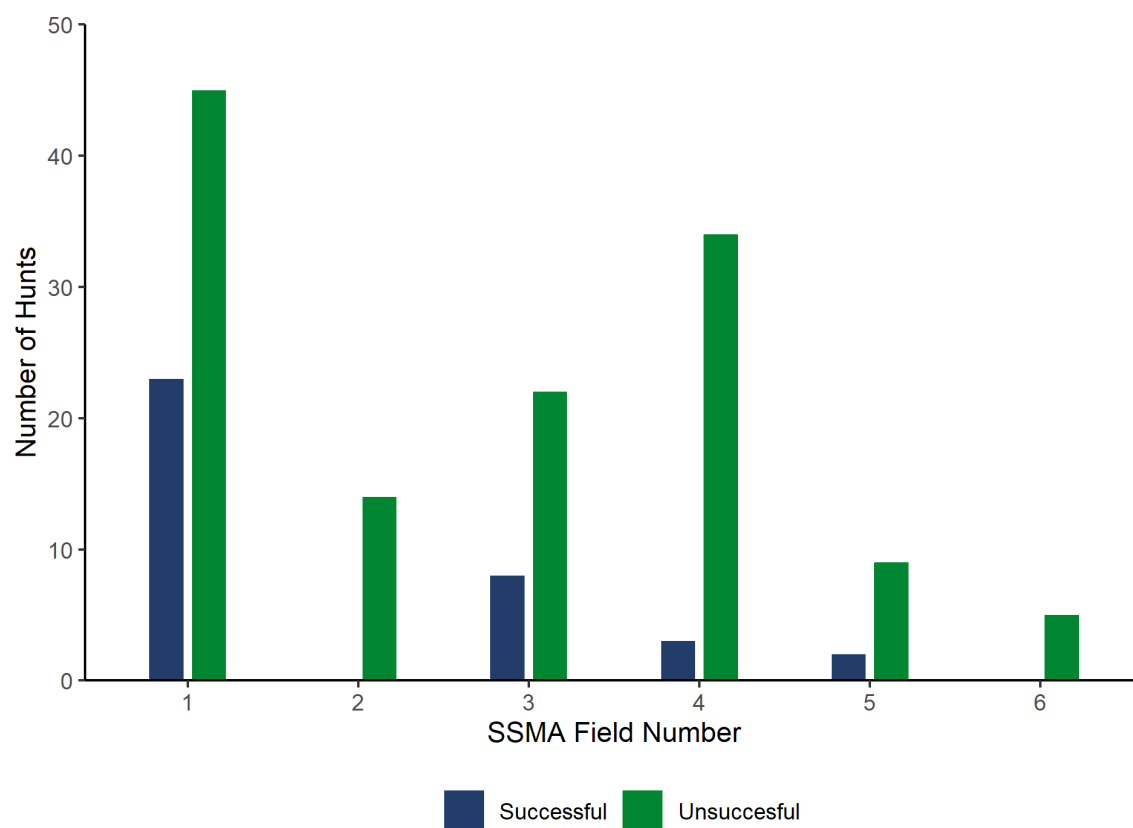


Figure 2. The reported number of successful and unsuccessful hunts by south shore management area field during the 2019-2020 hunting season in Rhode Island.

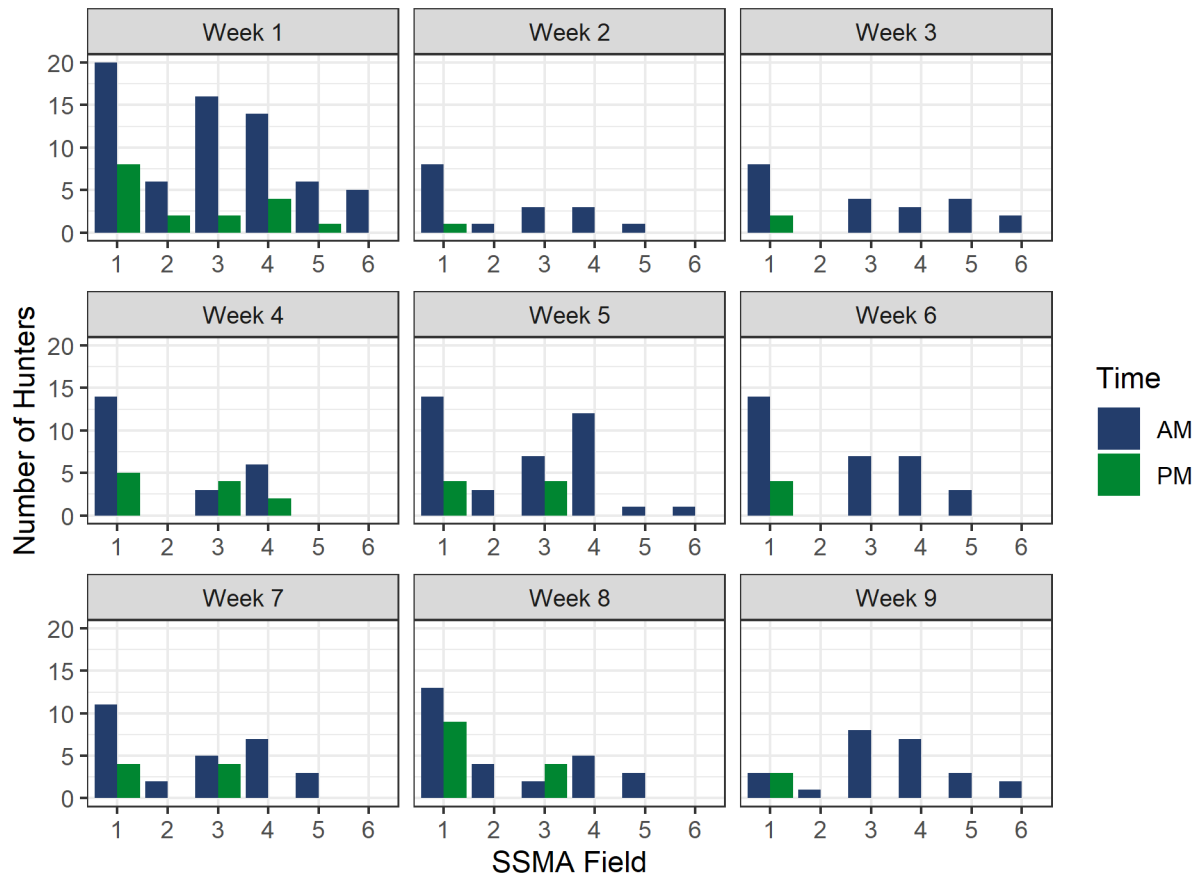


Figure 3. The number of morning and afternoon hunters per south shore management area field for each week of the 2019-2020 hunting season in Rhode Island.